

GREATER LAFAYETTE AREA TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT STUDY

TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jon Fricker, Chairman	Purdue University
Sallie Fahey, Secretary	APC
Dave Whitworth	INDOT – Crawfordsville
Brook Hammond	INDOT – Crawfordsville
Mark Albers	Tippecanoe County Highway Department
Deputy Chief Chris Leroux	West Lafayette Police Department
Betty Stansbury	Purdue Airport
John Connell	GLPTC
David Buck	West Lafayette Engineer
Capt. Rick Walker	Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department
Dan Auckley	City of Lafayette

Non-Voting Members

Dana Smith	Lafayette Chamber of Commerce
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ALSO PRESENT:

Doug Poad	APC Staff
Brian Weber	APC Staff
John Collier	Purdue
Thomas Van Horn	Lafayette Redevelopment
Steve Hardesty	Hawkins
Jim Knapp	Purdue

Jon Fricker called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Chris Leroux moved to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2004 meeting.
Dave Buck seconded and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Access Permits

None

Purdue/West Lafayette Transportation Plan – Update and Revisions

John Collier stated that for the past several years, Purdue has been working on an updated Master Campus Plan, which includes an updated transportation plan. He said that the reason for this presentation was to present Purdue's Transportation Plan and eventually modify the Long Range Transportation Plan. He explained that the plan consists of a list of projects they would like to accomplish over the next 20 years. He stated that they would like to incorporate the plan for Purdue and West Lafayette into the Transportation Plan. He said that there would be a formal report ready for presentation within the next few months. He reviewed the plan and mentioned that the goal of the plan was to resolve the pedestrian/vehicular conflicts by removing cars from the center of campus to an outer ring road. He explained the route of this proposed road. He said that this proposed road and the effects it would have on the village area have been discussed with the City of West Lafayette as well as local merchants. He mentioned that the current one way pair was implemented in the early 1990s and it has outgrown its capacity. He stressed that the increased use of transit has greatly helped with the goal of this proposal. He stated that the emphasis of the plan is to get even more people to use the buses, which would continue to serve the center of campus. Several proposed parking garages would be located on the ring road. He stated that the long-range plan is to close off streets in the center of campus, except to buses and emergency vehicles. He reviewed the plans for Intramural Drive. He reviewed the different alternatives to the Village area. He presented a handout to the Committee. He reviewed the project phasing. He said that in the next few months, the formal presentation would have dollar amounts as well as estimated completion dates.

Jon Fricker asked about the plan for bicycle traffic.

John Collier stated that the plans for the ring road, Grant Street and the Chauncy-Vine intersection, included bicycle lanes. He explained some additional ideas that are being considered for Williams Street and the ring road as well as additional and alternative design ideas such as narrow lanes.

Jon Fricker asked about the project on Northwestern and Stadium.

John Collier stated that there was communication with INDOT in order to incorporate as much of this plan as possible with their plans.

Steve Hardesty mentioned that there has been a lot of construction in the past.

John Collier reiterated that they are communicating as much of the long-range plan as possible. He explained the plans for the intersection.

Discussion followed regarding the history of moving trees.

Betty Stansbury asked for an explanation on one of the drawings.

John Collier responded that was a proposed parking garage.

Betty Stansbury stated that location had a height restriction because of its proximity to the airport runway. She said that even a 2-story building would be a problem.

John Collier explained the proposed design of the garage.

Mark Albers asked what they anticipated the County's involvement to be. He asked what agencies would be heading up the different phases.

Steve Hardesty stated that once the different agencies' responsibilities have been sorted out, that would become part of the plan. He said that he would be helping to write the amendment to the Transportation Plan, but deferred to Sallie Fahey for specifics on how the amendment should be written.

Sallie Fahey stated that before the amendment is written, the proposal should be presented to the Commissioners.

Mark Albers asked what agency would be expected to pick up the cost on all the internal changes.

Steve Hardesty stated that those decisions have yet to be made. He explained that a lot of the changes to existing streets would probably be made by the agency that is currently overseeing them.

Mark Albers asked if, as a phase gets completed, the roads would be opened so that another phase could be started.

Steve Hardesty stated that was a possibility because there would be a lot of interim changes that would need to be made.

Sallie Fahey stated this plan would be amended into the 2025 plan, even though work has already begun on the 2030 plan. She said that these improvements would be added to the model runs of the 2030 plans. She explained that the model runs would point out places where attention is needed.

Steve Hardesty stated that would allow a smaller project, such as William Street to be started. He said that if they waited for the 2030 plan to be completed, the whole plan would be delayed by several years.

Sallie Fahey mentioned some possible congestion problems associated with

the William Street project.

Mark Albers asked about Purdue's interest in Cherry Lane.

John Collier stated that there is never enough money for every project. He said that is why there is a Transportation Plan and why it is always amended. He explained that as priorities change, the Plan changes.

Sallie Fahey stated that as phases are ready to be started they could be submitted for consideration.

Some one asked if each phase would take about 5 years.

John Collier replied affirmatively. He said that some piece would always be in development.

Sallie Fahey stated that Purdue has not yet consulted with INDOT to see if INDOT would participate in some way because Purdue is a State University.

Dave Whitworth asked for clarification on the map.

Dave Buck explained that he was pointing to a bridge.

Rick Walker stated that there is a new parking garage proposed next to the stadium.

John Collier stated that even though this plan was to emphasize pedestrian traffic, the intent is not to completely close the campus to vehicles. He stressed that there would always be access for service, delivery and emergency vehicles.

Mark Albers asked about the environmental factors and the 4F process.

Steve Hardesty stated that if it were built in phases, it still has to work as a system.

Dave Whitworth asked if there was already a signal plan for the intersection of Tapawingo and 231.

Steve Hardesty replied affirmatively.

Sallie Fahey asked about City Buses' plans for the interior of the campus.

John Connell stated that this plan would be a great benefit to the needs of CityBus. He said that the one-way changes would be a big help. He mentioned that ideally dedicated bus-ways would be the best alternative. He

explained the benefits of the rapid transit concept. He mentioned there would be 4 new articulated buses this fall. He said that most accidents occur at the Northwestern and State Street intersection especially because of the dual turn lanes.

Steve Hardesty pointed out the areas and streets that would be dedicated bus lanes.

John Connell mentioned that there might be some transit money available.

Steve Hardesty stated that they should be back in a few months with a formal presentation.

Study Progress

Doug Poad stated that the draft TIP 2005 would be presented to the Commission that evening at the APC meeting. He said that the amendment that was presented at last month's meeting would also be heard by the APC that evening. He said that the Land Use survey is on going, and the field survey work is complete. He mentioned that INDOT is in the process of updating their long-range plan. He stated that on August 17, 2004, INDOT would have their annual district meeting at 2:30 and 5:30 pm. He said that the annual completion report should be submitted later in the week. He stated that they are still studying crashes on I-65. He said that they recieved a request to look at crashes in downtown Lafayette. He mentioned that there are not as many crashes as they expected, only about 5 a year.

Sallie Fahey clarified that they are looking at pedestrian-vehicle accidents only.

Other Business

John Connell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Doug Poad

Senior Planner